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WOOD! WOOD! WOOD!

QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, C. S. A.,
Raleigh, N. C., May 6, 1864.

TO SUPPLY THE HOSPITALS AT THIS POST with fuel for the coming winter, I will contract to receive Cord-wood merchantable wood, to be delivered within convenient distance, on the lines of either Rail Road.

Contractors, having responsible securities, are requested to call at this office and make their proposals in writing, stating the time and place of delivery.

Captain A. Post Q. M.

May 16-1t

To the Public.

Mess. Bascom:—I notice in the *Gentleman's Companion* of Thursday, the extended report of the proceedings of a public meeting of Jackson county, held at the Court-house in this city, on the evening of the 14th inst., for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of a change in the present mode of electing Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Judges of the Supreme Court, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Treasurer, Attorney General, Members of Congress, and Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, by the people, instead of by the General Assembly, as now provided by the Constitution of this State.

I am opposed to any change in the mode of electing the officers above named, and I am sure that a majority of the people of Jackson county are opposed to it also. I am in favor of the present mode of electing Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Judges of the Supreme Court, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Treasurer, Attorney General, Members of Congress, and Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, by the General Assembly, as now provided by the Constitution of this State, and I am opposed to any change in the mode of electing them. I am in favor of the present mode of electing them, because I believe that the members of the General Assembly are better acquainted with the character and qualifications of candidates for the above offices, than the people generally are, and consequently are better qualified to make a judicious selection. I am in favor of the present mode of electing them, because I believe that the members of the General Assembly are more independent in the discharge of their duties than they would be if they were elected by the people, and are therefore more likely to select men for the above offices who will discharge their duties faithfully and impartially, without fear, favor or affection. I am in favor of the present mode of electing them, because I believe that the members of the General Assembly are more likely to select men for the above offices who are honest, capable and competent to discharge the duties of the same, than the people generally are, and consequently are